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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH  
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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Crescentville, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

All Saints' Church is located in the north-central section of Philadelphia, very close to the border of Cheltenham Township in Montgomery County. The parish owns a church and a rectory situated on about an acre of land between Crescentville Road and Fairmount Park. The church is a stone structure on two levels, with the church proper on the upper level, seating 200 persons. The lower level has several church school rooms, a kitchen, a large school room used for parish meetings, and several smaller rooms for the furnace and storage.

The rectory is a two-story seven-room house, and it is indicated that the heating system for this building is inadequate.

### THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

All Saints' Church is located in an area that is made up of single-home dwellings, but recently garden-type apartments were being built in the neighborhood. The Church Self-Study Form states that in the 1950's, the residential religious pattern of the neighborhood changed from Protestant to Jewish, and then later, with the construction of a Roman Catholic High School, to a predominantly Roman Catholic neighborhood. There is no indication in the Church Self-Study Form that there is any significant development in the area in industrial or institutional usages of property.

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Philadelphia and the surrounding counties have been tracted for the purposes of the United States Census Bureau. All Saints' Church is located in Census Tract #50-A. This tract, together with the surrounding tracts, have been arbitrarily assigned as the parish area. The following table gives the population distribution in these tracts, the total number of Episcopalians found in the tracts, and the parish membership of All Saints' Church found in each census tract.

CENSUS TRACT	TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
#50-A	4,763	31	0.7	8	25.8	3.4
B	2,563	30	1.2	5	16.7	2.2
42-A	6,082	107	1.8	34	31.8	14.5
B	10,381	131	1.3	42	32.1	18.1
35-C	12,358	190	1.5	43	22.6	18.5
F	5,249	58	1.1	8	13.8	3.4
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SUB TOTAL	41,396	547	1.3	140	25.6	60.1
M22-B	3,196	33	1.0	9	27.3	3.9
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TOTAL	44,592	580	1.3	149	25.7	64.0

In the United States, the percentage of the population that is Episcopalian is about 1.8%. Only one tract in this arbitrarily assigned parish area even approaches this percentage. Episcopalians find themselves in a very real minority position here. However, only about one-quarter of all the Epis-



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copalians in this arbitrarily assigned parish area are associated with All Saints' Church in Crescentville. This number makes up nearly 65% of the total parish membership. While All Saints' Church could be considered a neighborhood or community church, it does not reach a particularly high percentage of the Episcopalians in its own area.

The following table gives the percentage of the population 14 years of age and under, 65 years of age and older, and the median ages for both men and women in this arbitrarily assigned parish area.

CENSUS TRACT	POPULATION 1950	% 14 & UNDER		% 65 & OVER		MED M AGE F	
#50-A	NA	32.4		4.3		30.5	28.6
B	NA	21.8		12.0		39.6	42.8
42-A	NA	25.4		10.2		34.9	37.6
B	NA	20.8		15.9		38.8	43.4
35-C	NA	26.6		8.4		32.8	35.9
F	NA	30.9		8.7		28.9	32.5
M22-B	NA	30.1		6.9		35.9	36.0

There are some significant contrasts to be found in the various tracts in this area. Census Tract #42-B is made up of a considerable number of older persons, while Census Tracts #50-A, in which the church is located, and #35-F, show a distinctly younger pattern.



The following table gives information concerning the education of adults 25 years of age and over in the arbitrarily assigned area.

CENSUS TRACT	ED. OF ADULTS 25 YRS. OF AGE & OVER			MED. ED.
	% H.S. GRAD.	% COLL. 1-3 YRS.	% COLL. GRAD.	
#50-A	41.4	9.6	11.0	12.3
B	28.4	8.4	5.2	11.0
42-A	24.8	5.4	3.1	9.9
B	23.6	3.3	3.5	9.2
35-C	24.5	4.9	3.5	10.0
F	29.7	5.5	4.2	10.8
M-22B	33.8	13.6	16.7	12.4

In the Philadelphia area as a whole, the median education level of adults is 9.6 years, with 20% of the population reporting high school graduation, 5.1% having had from one to three years of college, and 5.1% being college graduates. Montgomery County, in which Census Tract M-22B is located, has a median education level of 12.1 years, with 28.1% of the adults being high school graduates, 10% having from one to three years of college, and 13.6% being college graduates. The Crescentville area indicates that for the most part the education level is higher than that for Philadelphia as a whole, but lower than that for Montgomery County.

The following table gives information concerning the numbers and percentages of the non-white population in 1960.

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CENSUS TRACT	NON-WHITE 1950	POPULATION 1960	% NON-WHITE
#50-A		0	
B		6	0.2
42-A	NA	6	0.1
B	NA	3	0.03
35-C	NA	1	0.008
F	NA	20	0.4
M-22B		5	0.2
TOTAL		41	0.09

Philadelphia has a non-white population that makes up 26.7% of the total population. While the population in Philadelphia as a whole declined by 3.3%, the non-white population increased by 41.2% in the period from 1950 to 1960. These statistics for the Crescentville area indicate that the tracts noted above have only a negligible proportion of a total number of non-whites in the Philadelphia area.

The following table gives information concerning the median family income in the arbitrarily assigned parish area, and the pattern of residential mobility in this area.

CENSUS TRACT	MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME	RESIDENCE 1960 SAME AS 1955 %
#50-A	\$ 7,511	43.9
B	7,050	69.1
42-A	6,614	71.3
B	6,341	71.8
35-C	6,926	69.4
F	6,075	61.9
M-22B	12,068	77.3



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The dramatic increase in median family income in the one tract in Montgomery County is to be noted. The median family income of the tracts in Philadelphia, while not low, could only be considered moderate. The pattern of residential turnover is very interesting. The tract in which the church is located shows the greatest amount of residential mobility, with well over 50% of the persons in the area having been resident in their present vocation for less than five years. Montgomery County Census Tract #22-B indicates that only 20% of the population over five years of age was resident for less than five years. In Philadelphia as a whole, 40% of the population five years of age and over had changed its residence between 1955 and 1960. Except for the tract in which the church is located, the population is far more stable in this area than in Philadelphia generally. There are some indications, however, that this pattern may be changed, and the population has become more mobile in the past two or three years.

Within the church neighborhood are located three public grade schools, a public high school, and a public junior high school. Also in the parish neighborhood are two Roman Catholic Parochial schools, and a Roman Catholic High School.

Churches within the parish neighborhood include three Methodist churches, two Lutheran churches, a United Church of Christ, a Baptist Church, an Evangelical Church, two Presbyterian churches, and two Episcopal churches.

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### THE CHURCH PROGRAM

On an average Sunday morning, 72 persons, or 22% of the baptized membership is in church. This is an extremely low total percentage of the baptized membership, and it would appear that a church school may have been left out of the total picture. If this is true, the average may be as high as 33.8%. However, this is still a very low percentage when compared to the national average of between 45% and 50%. The Church Self-Study Form indicates that there is a regular celebration of the Holy Communion on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., and Evening Prayer is read on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. The attendance at these two services is negligible. Special services during the year appear to be limited to Evening Prayer during Lent on a weekly basis with outside speakers at these services. The only change in the schedule of services throughout the year appears to be the holding of services at 10:00 a.m. rather than 11:00 a.m. through the summer months.

The church school is group-graded in five sections. These sections are nursery, primary, juniors, junior high school, and senior high school. It is interesting to note that the largest registration is that of senior high school children. The church school has a total of nine teachers, with three of the nine under 20 years of age. The rector of the parish leads six teacher-training meetings during the year, and beginning teachers are apprenticed as assistants to older teachers with longer teaching experience. It is mentioned in the Church Self-Study Form that the



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Very little is said in the Church Self-Study Form concerning the communications within the parish, except that there are occasional newsletters sent through the mail to the parishioners, and a Sunday Bulletin is available each week. There is also an announcement of services each week in the local neighborhood newspaper.

The Church Self-Study Form states that the congregation is not community-minded, and the clergyman's only participation in community affairs is through the Clergy Association. A local Civic Association uses the parish hall and its facilities on occasion.

The Church Self-Study Form made no recommendations for an expanded program for this congregation, nor was there any indication as to the major problems that face this congregation or the program needs evident on the basis of the Study.

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major problem of the church school is centered in the fact that most of the parishioners are older and there are few children of church school age in the congregation. The size of the senior high school class would tend to confirm this.

In summarizing the organizations of the church, the Church Self-Study Form states that there are two organizations for adult women and one for adult men. The organizations for adult women include the Altar Guild and the Episcopal Churchwomen. The only organization for men is that listed as the vestry. There is one organization listed for both men and women, and that is the choir. There does not appear to be any organization for teen-age persons in the parish.

In reviewing the finances of the parish, the average received on pledges for current expense purposes amounts to approximately \$32.87 per communicant which may be compared with the national average of \$55.72. Additionally, only one-half of the total income of the church is received in regular pledges. Over 40% of the total income was received through endowment interest and the proceeds of bazaars, suppers, and miscellaneous donations. The Church Self-Study Form declares that a thorough Every Member Canvass is conducted each year by personal solicitation.

In an average week the rector of the parish makes nine calls for all purposes. The lay visitation program takes place only in connection with the Every Member Canvass, although it is mentioned that the laity respond well in making emergency or sick visits.



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CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Church All Saints', Crescentville  
Street 6301 Crescentville Road City Philadelphia  
County Philadelphia Diocese Penna.  
Parish or Mission Parish State Penna.  
What geographic area does this church serve? The Olney and Lawndale sections  
of Northeast Phila. and the Southern end of Cheltenham Township,  
Montgomery, Co.

II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

- A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:  
Downtown commercial uses \_\_\_\_\_ Industrial uses \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment dwellings X  
Rooming houses \_\_\_\_\_ Single-home dwellings X A college \_\_\_\_\_ Military  
uses \_\_\_\_\_ Other institutions \_\_\_\_\_
- B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:  
Recently a garden type apartment was built in our neighborhood.
- C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:  
In the early 1950's a substantial number of row homes were built  
on land adjoining the church. They were purchased mostly by Jewish  
families. Later Roman Catholic families started moving in because of a  
new Sr. High School. (Cardinal Dougherty)
- D. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

PUBLIC GRADESCHOOLS

Ben Franklin

Lowell

Finletter

ADDRESS

Rising Sun and Cheltenham Avenue

Fifth & Nedro, Phila., Pa.

Frank & Spencer, Phila., Pa.



**PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR  
HIGH SCHOOLS**

Olney Sr. High School

Elkins Park Jr. High

**ADDRESS**

Front & Duncannon, Phila., Pa.

Tookany Drive & New Second St.,  
Cheltenham, Pa.

**PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL NURSERY SCHOOLS**

**ADDRESS**

**PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS**

**ADDRESS**

St. Williams Parochial

6200 Rising Sun Avenue, Phila., Pa.

St. Helena's Parochial

Fifth & Godfrey Ave., Phila., Pa.

**PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR  
HIGH SCHOOLS**

**ADDRESS**

Cardinal Dougherty High School

64th & 2nd Street, Phila., Pa.

**JUNIOR COLLEGES AND COLLEGES**

**ADDRESS**







### III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

Please write out a short history of this congregation. How was the work started? Give the important dates and events.

All Saints Church Crescentville was established in 1870 as a chapel to Trinity Church Oxford during the rectorship of Rev. Edward Y.

Buchanan. The first church building was erected that year where the present edifice is now located.

The Chapel in the early days was to minister to people in a flourishing Mill Village at the foot of the hill and to "Brookwood" the farming estate of the Fisher family. In fact it was the Fisher family who gave the ground and erected the church.

In the early days of the chapel the activities were influenced by the Misses

Ella, Eliza. and Maud Fisher, who unsparingly gave of their time and monies. The Rectors and Curates of Oxford Parish conducted the services throughout the years. Of the Rectors that followed Dr. Buchanan there were The Rev. Henry C. Macbeth, Rev. L. Parsons Bissell, Rev. Horace F. Fuller and Rev. Waldemar Jansen. Many of the Curates will be recalled by some of the older members and include Rev. John P. Bagley, Rev. Robert J. McFetridge, Rev. H. G. G. Vincent and Rev. Robert Windley.

The Chapel Building was totally destroyed by fire in December 1925 which proved a blessing in disguise as within two years a splendid new Church was built on the old site and given to the Congregation by Miss Maud Fisher in memory of her brothers and sisters.

The new Church was dedicated on Thanksgiving Day 1927 by the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., then Bishop of Penna.

By this time the northern part of Olney had developed and thousands of new homes were erected. During this period the Rev. Francis A. Gray was in charge of the Crescentville work and his untiring efforts brought many new families to the Church.

As the work increased, the Chapel became more and more independent of Trinity Oxford and finally on January 22, 1932 a new charter was granted under the name of All Saints Church Crescentville and it became a separate parish.

This was a fulfillment of the dream of Miss Maud Fisher, whose greatest desire in the latter part of her life was to see "The Chapel" a self supporting Church but Miss Fisher did not live to see this as the very day that the Charter was granted she passed on into the Glory of the Lord.

The Rev. Arthur L. Helms who had succeeded Mr. Gray became the First Rector of the Parish and served until his death in 1940. The Rev. J. Aubrey Cragg followed him and under his very energetic leadership had spread and it had been noticeable in the increase of the Church School, which had more members than any time in the past twenty five years, also in the Young People's Group of the Church. Mr. Cragg was succeeded by Rev. Andrew W. Mayer and it was during his time as Rector that the Crescentville Road had been widened, a New Rectory was built through his efforts and the contribution of the Fisher Estate and Accounting Warden C. Jared Ingersoll.



IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation, reporting the use of each parcel.

All Saints' owns the Church and Rectory buildings situated in the 50th Ward of Philadelphia. The lot is a 400' X 100' strip of land located between Crescentville Road (heavily traveled thoroughfare) and woodland which was deeded to Fairmount Park years ago by the Fisher family.

2. Type of church building: Frame Brick Stone X Other (type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed, with estimated cost:

Two level buildings. Church in upper level seats 200. Basement level has several Church School rooms, kitchen, heater room and storage room. Large school room used for parish meetings. Building in fairly good condition - Well maintained. While the insurance records list replacement value at \$220,000. we believe it would cost nearer to \$400,000. to duplicate.

Replacement Value \$ 220,000 Amount of insurance carried \$ 175,000

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached Separated ;

In basement of the church X ; Frame Brick

Stone Other (type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

See above

Replacement value \$ Amount of insurance carried \$



4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached \_\_\_\_\_ Separated X;  
Frame \_\_\_\_\_ Brick X Stone \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building,  
and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

Two story 7 rooms, 2-1/2 Baths, Heating System inadequate  
minor repairs needed

Is it used as a clergy residence? Yes If not, what use is made of  
the building?

Replacement value: \$ 35,000. Insurance carried: \$ 25,000.

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving  
(a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition;  
(d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value;  
(f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.



B. Membership (secure from parish records):

1. Number of church families: Total number 159  
 Number of individuals not in families 8

Baptized membership			Communicants			Church School		
<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>
<u>422</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>248</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>36</u>

3. Number of baptized members who were removed from the parish list	<u>5 yrs. ago</u>	<u>4 yrs. ago</u>	<u>3 yrs. ago</u>	<u>2 yrs. ago</u>	<u>Last year</u>
	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>
Number of baptized members who were added to the parish list	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>

4. Communicants added:					
By confirmation from Episcopal families	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
By confirmation from other Churches	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>	
By reception from other Churches		<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>	
By baptism and confirmation from no church					<u>1</u>
Total	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>

5. Attendance:

Number of communicants who attended regularly last year	<u>96</u>
Number of communicants who attended occasionally	<u>65</u>
Number who did not attend last year, but lived in the community	<u>39</u>
Number of communicants who did not live in the community, but were on the parish records, not transferred	<u>23</u>

6. How many persons attended the last annual business meeting? 50



# V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Communion	8:00 a.m.	0	5	13
Family Service (H.C. 3rd Sun.)	9:30 a.m.	17	24	36
Morning Prayer (H.C. 1st Sun.)	11:00 a.m.	20	43	70

\*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Communion	Tuesday 9:30 a.m.	1	4	11
Evening Prayer	Thursday 7:30 p.m.	(Attendance Negligable)		

\*Use figures from the Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

Weekly evening Prayer During Lent with outside speakers

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

None



E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

(Morning Prayer

Summer services held at 10: a.m. instead of 11 a.m.

No other changes

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? No
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? Not Usually
3. Is baby care provided during any service? Yes - At 9:30 Family Service

## VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. Church School

## 1. Registration and attendance

a. Teachers and staff	8
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b. Students	36
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Total	44
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c. Lowest total classroom attendance during the past year 20

d. Highest total classroom attendance during the past year (except for Christmas and Easter) 40

e. Are absentee cards used? Yes

f. How many months of the year is the church school in operation? 9

g. If teachers call on students in case of absence, or for other reasons, please give details. Yes, this is usually done by telephone

## 2. Worship schedule

[illegible]



### 3. Instruction schedule

[illegible]



4. List the teaching aids used, including audio-visual material.

Flannel Board, Film Strips, Black Boards,

Some Field Trips

5. Describe the program for pre-school children.

Worship, Lesson Presentation, Handwork

occasional trips.

6. Data on the teaching staff

a. How are teachers recruited? By asking for volunteers and following up any leads or other indications of interest

b. Describe the way in which teachers are trained, giving the number of sessions, the leaders, etc. Beginning teachers are apprenticed as assistants. The rector leads six teachers meetings per year including some instruction in each.

c. How are teachers assisted in the performance of their duties?

d. Summary of teachers' backgrounds

AGE	Number	EDUCATION	Number	YEARS TEACHING	Number
19 years or less	3	Grade school		one	3
20 to 29	1	Junior high		two	1
30 to 39	2	Senior high	8	three	
40 to 49		1 to 3 years College		four	1
50 years or more	3	College grad.	1	five	1
		Graduate study		6 to 10	1
Male	3			11 to 20	1
Female	6	K-12		20 and over	1



7. What problems does the church school have? \_\_\_\_\_

Most parishioners are past the age of raising families

Resulting in very few children of church school age.

B. Vacation Church School      None

1. When is it held? \_\_\_\_\_
2. For how long each day? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What type of courses are taught? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. How many children attend, usually? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's church school? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How many teachers are there? \_\_\_\_\_

C. Released Time Program      None

1. When are classes held? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What type of courses are taught? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. How many of this congregation's children attend? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to the Christian education program of this congregation?  
\_\_\_\_\_

No

No

D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report.



## E. Confirmation Instruction

### 1. Children

- a. What is the usual age of confirmation? 12 b. How many instruction sessions are held? 8 c. How long is each session? 1 Hour d. Who is the instructor? Rector e. What material is used? Book of Common Prayer, Lecture, Question, Discussion f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material to the regular church school curriculum? Aim of class is to build on school work and fill any missing areas

### 2. Adults

- a. How many sessions are held? 6 b. How long is each session? 1 Hour c. Who is the instructor? Rector d. What material is used? Book of Common Prayer, Lecture, Question, Discussion

## F. Adult Education

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation, including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

<u>NAME OF GROUP</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEMBERS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEETINGS</u>	<u>LENGTH OF MEETINGS</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
Adult Class	9	36	45 Min.	Rector



2. What Retreats, missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants. \_\_\_\_\_

One Quiet Day

25 participants

3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.

None

- G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?

Our adults do not seem too interested



VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women

1. Give the total number of adult women in the congregation. 123
2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. 2
3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 35/40

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. 97
2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. 1
3. Give the total membership of all these organizations. 10

C. For Men and Women

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. 1
2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 9

D. For Girls in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of girls	___	___	___
2. Number of organizations	___	___	___
3. Total active membership	___	___	___

E. For Boys in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of boys	___	___	___
2. Number of organizations	___	___	___
3. Total active membership	___	___	___

F. For Youth in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Number of organizations	___	___	___
2. Total active membership	___	___	___

N.B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages.



VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Vestry

Total active members 10 Average attendance at meetings 7/8

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 2nd Sunday  
after service

B. Why does this organization exist?

By Canon - Conducts Business affairs of the Church

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Male Adults

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_



VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

- A. Name Altar Guild  
Total active members 8 Average attendance at meetings 6  
Number of meetings each ~~month~~<sup>year</sup> 4 Day and time of meetings -----
- B. Why does this organization exist?  
Prepare physical necessities for worship. Keep altar silver, linen; candles  
in proper order and care for altar flowers and vases, etc.
- C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Adult Women
- D. Describe the worship and the educational program.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- E. Describe the other activities of the organization.  
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- F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?  
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- G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_



V.III. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name CHOIR

Total active members 8-9 Average attendance at meetings 6.5

Number of meetings each month 4-5 Day and time of meetings Sundays at 11:30 AM

B. Why does this organization exist?

TO PROVIDE MUSIC FOR THE CHURCH SERVICES, PRIMARILY TO LEAD THE CONGREGATION IN SINGING THE VARIOUS MUSICAL PARTS OF THE SERVICE.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

NO SPECIAL GROUP - JUST THOSE INTERESTED IN SINGING

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

THE HYMNS AND ANTHEMS FORM THE WORSHIP PROGRAM, THE EDUCATION PORTION IS THE LEARNING OF NEW MUSIC.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

THURSDAY EVENING REHEARSALS TO PREPARE THE MUSIC FOR THE SERVICES, SINGING AT SERVICES (OTHER THAN SUNDAYS), SUCH AS CONFIRMATION, AND THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS EVES.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

TO HELP THE CONGREGATION LEARN AND APPRECIATE SOME OF THE HYMNS WHICH ARE LITTLE KNOWN OR INFREQUENTLY USED, AND TO PRESENT NEW ANTHEMS (AND CANTICLES).

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? SINCE SMALL NUMBERS IN

THE CHOIR LIMIT ITS EFFECTIVENESS (AND CAPABILITIES), AN INFUX OF (WHO CAN SING OR ARE WILLING TO LEARN) YOUNG ADULTS WOULD AID MATERIALLY IN MAINTAINING A CHOIR AT A SIZE SUITABLE FOR ITS PURPOSE, PARTICULARLY AT SERVICES WHEN FOR VARIOUS

Signed by:

William Lipp

Title:

Organist and Choir Director



# VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Episcopal Churchwomen of All Saints Crescentville

Total active members 25 Average attendance at meetings 14 - 20  
First

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings Tue. at 8pm

B. Why does this organization exist?

This organization exists to attempt to bring together the women of  
the church for an evening of worship, discussion and fellowship.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

The members are drawn from the women who belong to the Church  
and attend services.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Our programs open with prayer. We have speakers from all Episcopal  
organizations. They explain the needs and works of their organizations  
and we strive to help in the support of those which we feel require the  
most help.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Our women are the only Churchwomen's group in our Church and we help in all  
other Church activities such as Bazaar, Supper, Card Party, Rummage Sales, Etc.,  
We also contribute in a small way, to the financial needs of our Church.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

This organization provides the opportunity for our women to learn and under-  
stand the mission of the Church, its functions and needs and gives us the  
chance to help in some small way wherever we are able. Our greatest problem  
is a lack of response in attendance of a great many of our women. These  
women appear disinterested in becoming involved in the actual organization  
of the group but are usually willing to help with more social activities.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? It is hard to answer this  
question since attending and participating wholeheartedly in meetings is  
a personal thing. We can try more personal contact but this is most time  
consuming for the few involved. Any suggestions along these lines would  
be greatly appreciated.

Signed by:

Jean B. Wisniewski Title: President Episcopal Churchwomen  
Mrs. Walter S. Wisniewski of All Saints Crescentville



IX. CLERGY OR LAY READERS IN CHARGE SINCE 1930

NAME	APPROX. AGE AT START OF MINISTRY HERE	PERIOD OF TENURE	MOVED TO:
The Rev. Arthur T. Helms	32	1932-1940 <del>8 years</del>	Died
The Rev. J. Aubrey Cragg	37	1941-1947 6 years	Prince of Peace, Philadelphia
The Rev. Andrew W. Mayer	56	1947-1959 12 years	Retired
The Rev. A. William Degerberg	30	1959 5 years	Incumbent
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A. Does the present minister live in the neighborhood? Yes

Does he give full time to this church? Yes If not, what other church(es) does he serve, or what other work does he do?

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B. How many people from this parish have gone into full time work for the church within the past ten years, or are now studying for such work? None  
Please give details.

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C. How many licensed lay readers serve the congregation now? None  
Do any lay readers from this congregation serve other congregations? None  
If so, which congregations? \_\_\_\_\_

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X. FINANCE

A. Income (last Full Year): (1) Pledges \$ 8,153.00 (2) Plate offerings \$ 660.61 (3) Parish or mission organizations \$ 1,011.26 (4) <sup>interest on</sup> Endowments \$ 2,314.56 (5) Special fund drives \$ None (6) Other (please specify) \$ 4,576.32

Bazaar and supper, Donations, Altar Flowers.

Interest Savings Acct. Miscellaneous.

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	<sup>1963</sup> Last Full Year
B. Disbursements						
Total current expenses			6,214.28	9,591.55	9,817.08	11,537.87
Diocesan Assessment			240.80	275.48	306.00	308.92

Missionary Disbursements			1,564.65	2,247.39	2,451.51	3,004.33
Special parish expense		NOT	841.07	1,956.21	1,232.88	1,230.57
Clergy salary or salaries: from congregation	a)	AVAILABLE	3,000.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,600.00.

from other sources	b)					
	a)		None	None	None	None
	b)					

Rental value of the rectory \$ 150.00 a Month

Is the church in debt? No Amount of debt \$ None Method of repayment None



Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? Yes  
If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? Personal Describe the  
training of the canvassers. Instructions given from every member  
Canvas Literature Received from Diocese
8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used?  
Annual Bazaar & Supper  
Card Party & Rummage Sale  
(Women's of All Saints)
9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-  
support? Self supporting Parish
10. Additional comments or information on finances:

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? Yes
2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest X Congregation Diocese
3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting deprecia-  
tion? \$            4. By whom is the operating expense paid?             
Priest receives \$800.00 Per annum for utilities and car
5. How much does the local congregation pay? None
6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business



# XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

## A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:\*

TYPE OF CALL	NUMBER OF CALLS PER WEEK		
	LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
1. Family or routine parish	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
2. Sick or emergency	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
3. Calls for other purposes	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>

## 4. Time set aside for pastoral calling:

Four afternoons per week

## 5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling? \_\_\_\_\_

To respond to sickness or emergency

To visit in various areas of parish

## 6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers?

Not many calls of this type - usually made as a result of

of personal contact or other reference

## 7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week) 2 Hours

\* Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.

## B. Lay calling:

### 1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization. \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the number of participants and the time spent.

Lay visitation takes place in connection with every

member canvas - involving about 15 visitors - Laity responds well in

making emergency or sick visits.



3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?

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5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.

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## XII. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. What use is made of the press? Ad each week in local neighborhood paper

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- B. What use is made of radio and/or television? None

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- C. What use is made of the U.S. Mail? \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletters and other literature Re; Special services or special offerings

- D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Bulletin available each week in vestibule

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- E. How many church road signs are there? 1



XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

A. Is this congregation community-minded? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs. \_\_\_\_\_

No

Clergy Association

C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs.

None

D. Describe the general parish program for the community (including such church-sponsored programs as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.):

None

E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:

Local Civic Association

F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:

Women meet with women from other parishes on numerous occasions



XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? \_\_\_\_\_

B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? \_\_\_\_\_

C. What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation? \_\_\_\_\_

D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan programs: \_\_\_\_\_

Washington's Birthday Corporate Communion

E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan programs: \_\_\_\_\_

World Day of Prayer

United Thank Offering

Assistance at Riverview Home for Indigent

F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs: \_\_\_\_\_

G. Does this congregation pay its full Missionary Share or Quota? yes

H. What percent of the congregation's budget does for missionary work? 20%



XV. STAFF

- A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, function, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

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- B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

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XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

- A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Buildings: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

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- B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

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- C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

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- D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

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- E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

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F. What would be the annual operating budget to maintain the program?

G. What steps are now being taken locally to meet these needs and opportunities?

H. What steps are now being taken by the diocese or district, or might be taken, to assist in meeting these needs and opportunities?

I. Further data or comment on the general needs and problems of this congregation:

The data in this report were furnished by the following committee:

NAME	OCCUPATION	NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARISH
A. Wm. Degerberg	Rector	7 years
Louis Haegele	Supervisor	10 years
Harry Broadbent	Rector's Warden	
	Office Mgr.	38 years
Other Vestryman - Richard H. Keenan - Banker	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
RICHARD H. KEENAN	BANKER	33 YEARS
CHAIRMAN		

Date completed: March 1, 1965



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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

A total of 233 persons are located in 33 census tracts in Philadelphia and in the surrounding counties. Some of the larger concentrations of the membership are found in tracts #42-A, B, and C, tract #35-C and M-22A. The distribution of the parish membership by census tract is given on the table on the following page.



## MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

PARISH PHILADELPHIA

ALL SAINTS

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

Between 1950 and 1960, the baptized membership of All Saints' Church declined by 26.2%, and has declined slightly since that time. The communicants have decreased by 15.6% but has shown a slight increase since that time. The church school declined by 27.3% and has had a slight decline since that time. Episcopal churches in the Olney-Oak Lane area showed declines of 13.3% in baptized membership, 5.6% in communicants, and an increase of 9.5% in the church school in the period from 1950 to 1960. Comparable figures for the City of Philadelphia in the period from 1950 to 1960 indicate there was a decline in baptized membership of 4.8%, a decline in communicant membership of 11.3%, and a slight increase in the church school of 1.3%. In the Diocese of Pennsylvania as a whole, these figures were 19.9%, 11.4%, and 41.8% respectively, and all were increases. The decline in membership statistics for All Saints', Crescentville, has been of a larger order than that of the diocese or the local area.

Between 1961 and 1963, inclusive, All Saints' Church had a total of eight baptisms and 14 confirmations. The ratio of the baptisms to the communicant strength in this period was 1.1% and the ratio of confirmations to the communicant strength was 1.9%. In the Olney-Oak Lane area these percentages were 2.8% and 2.9% respectively, and in the city of Philadelphia the percentages were 3.5% and 3.4% respectively. In the diocese as a whole, the ratio of baptisms to the communicant strength was 3.9% and the ratio of confirmations to the communicant strength was 4.1%. All Saints' Church in Crescentville had considerably lower percentages than other units reporting, and it should be noted that it is generally considered necessary to have percentages of 5% or better in order to maintain a church's membership and insure its growth.

Between 1961 and 1963, inclusive, the total reported expenditures for All Saints' Church amounted to \$41,388.00, of which \$8,015.00, or 19.4%, went for purposes outside the



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parish. This compares to 12.5% for Episcopal churches in the Olney-Oak Lane area, 11.3% for Episcopal churches in Philadelphia, and 14.2% for the Episcopal churches in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Between 1961 and 1963, inclusive, the average expenditures per communicant per year amounted to \$56.08, of which \$10.86 went for purposes outside the parish. The Episcopal churches in the Olney-Oak Lane area had total reported expenditures of \$53.96, of which \$6.77 went for purposes outside the parish. The comparable statistics for the City of Philadelphia were \$88.66 and \$10.02 respectively, and for the Diocese of Pennsylvania as a whole these figures were \$73.71 and \$10.45 respectively. While the average extra-parochial expenditures per communicant were close to the Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania average, the church distributed a larger proportion of its income for extra-parochial purposes than the area or the diocese.



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# VITAL STATISTICS

PARISH ALL SAINTS  
COUNTY PHILADELPHIA

TOWN CRESCENTVILLE  
DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	379	581	454	395	335	334	335	331
Communicants	253	295	288	257	243	244	246	248
Church School	79	124	77	101	56	47	58	52
Baptisms	8	9	13	7	4	3	3	2
Percentage of Communicants	3.2	3.1	4.5	2.7	1.6	1.2	1.2	0.8
Confirmations	8	9	7	10	3	3	4	7
Percentage of Communicants	3.2	3.1	2.4	3.9	1.2	1.2	1.6	2.8
Parochial Expenditures 1	4,788	6,778	5,930	9,867	10,123	10,116	10,226	10,590
Special Par. Expenditures 2	219	228	1,510	1,956	1,233	556	655	1230
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	143	1,277	1,648	2,247	2,452	2,564	2447	3004
Total Reported Expenditures	5,150	8,283	9,088	14,070	13,808	13,236	13,328	14,824
Expenditures per Communicant	20.36	28.08	31.56	54.75	56.82	54.25	54.18	59.77
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	0.57	4.33	5.72	8.74	10.09	10.51	9.95	12.11

- 1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.
- 2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.
- 3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

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DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

The Episcopal Census of the parish of All Saints' in Crescentville was received after the closing date for reception and processing. Therefore, only a cursory examination of the materials was possible. Regarding some of the statistics available, 22% of the people reported on were under 20 years of age and 25.6% were over 60 years of age. The congregation is considerably older than the average of the area in which it is found.

As time permits, and upon request, the General Division of Research and Field Study will make an analysis of the Episcopal Census.



## DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Crescentville, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Because of the possibility that the present properties of this church may be taken over by the construction of an expressway, one of the most significant factors in the future of the parish is the location of the new highway. This possibility was discussed at the time of the visitation meeting in October 1964. The General Division of Research and Field Study understands that since that time there has been a continued interest in the matter throughout the parish. The Church Self-Study Form prepared for this Survey under date of March 1965 made no mention of this matter. This is strange, to say the least.

The future of this congregation has to be viewed from two points of reference. The first is its eventual geographical location, depending on where the new highway is located. The second has to do with an ageing congregation, a somewhat static program, and a low level of participation by the members of the congregation. Before firm decisions are made concerning the eventual relocation of the church facilities (if this becomes necessary), a critical and objective look should be taken at the prospects for growth and the continuation of the existing congregation in years to come.

Attendance on an average Sunday at all services ranges from a low of 11% to a high of 36% of the baptized membership. The average attendance finds 22% of the congregation at worship, and this figure may be compared with the average of 45% to 50% in

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most Episcopal congregations. Although the Episcopal Census was received too late to be processed in the normal manner, analysis of the age distribution pattern shows that 22% of the congregation is under 20 years of age and 25% is over 60 years of age. Adults between the ages of 20 and 60, inclusive, make up half of the congregation, and 43% of this group consists of adults in their 50's. These figures indicate that this is an ageing congregation.

In the seven census tracts assigned as the parish area of All Saints' Church, there are 580 resident Episcopalians. This number represents 1.3% of the total population. All Saints' Parish reaches only 25.7% of these Episcopalians, although 64% of the parish membership is living in the parish area.

In 1960 the median income in the area ranged from \$6,000.00 to \$7,500.00. Figures submitted for this Study show that expenditures per communicant at All Saints' Church amounted to \$56.08 while pledges per communicant were \$33.00 per communicant. Income from endowments equaled 25% of the amount pledged by the members. If it were not for these endowment funds, plus income from organizations, the bazaar, and other activities, this congregation would probably be in a serious financial condition. The percentage of income that is given to work outside the congregation is 20%, which is relatively high.

The level of member participation in the parochial organizations as well as in educational classes is somewhat low. The Church Self-Study Form indicates that some 10% of the men are active in organizations while 33% of the women are identified with one or more groups. The Church Self-Study Form reports that in the field of adult education, "our adults do not seem too interested".



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The percentages of baptisms and confirmations to the communicant strength, 1.1% and 1.9% respectively, are considerably below both the national and the diocesan averages. The diocesan averages are 3.9% and 4.1% for these categories, while the national ratios are 5.4% and 5.8% respectively.

All these facts would indicate that there is need for serious consideration of the future of All Saints' as a congregation. It appears that the greatest obstacle to be overcome in looking to the future is not whether the church facilities will have to be relocated, but what is the degree of interest and participation by any significant number of members. It is recognized that there are a number of older people in the congregation who do not easily get out, but when only 72 out of a possible 331 persons show up Sunday after Sunday for worship, it indicates some sort of lack of interest.

The General Division of Research feels that there is some potential for growth in the area, and that if the present membership could be aroused to consider its primary purpose and to develop an outreach into the surrounding community, this parish could have a good future. If things go on as they are now, it is doubtful that the congregation can remain as a significant group for many years to come.

It is recommended that the rector and vestry appoint a special parish study committee to analyze this report as a first step in an objective look at the present parish program for consideration of future goals. This group could assist in formulating a primary purpose, and could suggest areas of program to reach clear and obtainable goals. In all this, it is recommended that the congregation look outside of itself. Consideration should be given to evangelism,



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stewardship, leadership training, and deeper Christian commitment.

The present facilities occupied by this congregation are attractive and well kept. The existing program appears to be well thought out, if perhaps a trifle self-serving. Since the Episcopal Church nationally deals with less than 2% of the total population, All Saints' Parish has great opportunity before it in working among the almost 45,000 people who live in the parish area.

Should the congregation decide that a fresh outlook of concern and outreach in the community is not to be developed, then there are nearby Episcopal congregations that might be consulted as to the possibility of an amalgamation of All Saints' with another parish.

The future of All Saints' Church will be determined by the degree of interest and commitment that is shown by the members during the next five critical years.